



SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION

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NOMINATION APPLICATION FOR CLASSES ENTERING THE ACADEMIES

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2014

Each year members of Congress nominate young men and women to become eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy. The academies are seeking future cadets and midshipmen who possess “whole person” qualifications - good moral character, a commendable academic record, evidence of strong leadership potential, physical aptitude, medical fitness, motivation to achieve academically and eventually to serve as an officer in the Armed Forces. Later this year I will make ten nominations for each Seventh Congressional District vacancy at:

- The United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- The United States Military Academy, West Point, New York
- The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
- The United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York

My nominations will be based on the recommendations of my Merit Selection Committee which is made up of community representatives from Colorado. The nominating process begins with the application packet on my website. **All required forms and documents must be on file in my office by October 1, 2014.** If your file is complete at that time, you will be scheduled for a personal interview with my Merit Selection Committee. Interviews will be held in November at my Lakewood District Office and I will announce the nominations before the end of the year.

After my nominations have been submitted to the academies, the Admissions Office of each academy will offer the actual appointments to successful nominees. The announcement of appointments can begin as early as January and will continue for several months until the ranks of the next entering classes are full.

Because the nomination process is extremely competitive, be sure to apply **to all nominating sources available to you.** **Also, you should indicate your alternative academy choices in case you don't receive a nomination to your first academy choice.** Give yourself the benefit of every opportunity. Please read the application thoroughly and follow instructions carefully. Please don't hesitate to call my office with any questions or concerns.

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for an academy nomination from the Seventh Congressional District:

You must be:

1. A legal resident of the Seventh Congressional District of Colorado;
2. Between the ages of 17 and not yet 22 on July 1st of the academy class entering year;
3. A graduate of high school before July 1st of the year of the entrance to an academy.
4. You must start the application at each academy for which you are seeking a nomination prior to the November 16, 2014 Interview Day.

You must submit these documents on my website before **October 1, 2014:**

1. An official application. **Do not substitute this form with a resume**
2. Applicant photo .
3. Concise (one page) answer to essay questions;
4. Three personal letters of recommendation are required for this application. **There must be one from a community leader, one from a principal or counselor, and one from a math or science teacher.**

You are responsible for directing the following documents to arrive at my office before the October deadline:

1. Your ACT (including the essay test) or SAT scores (to apply, you MUST have one or the other by the deadline).

To be eligible for a Congressional nomination and eventually to be eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy, you MUST follow two procedures at the same time:

CONSIDERATION FOR A CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION: (Congressional Office)	CONSIDERATION FOR AN ACADEMY APPOINTMENT: (Academy Admissions Office)
When your completed Congressional Nomination application (included in this packet) is received in my office, I will establish and maintain a file in your name in my Lakewood office.	When each academy receives your completed pre-candidate questionnaire (which YOU MUST REQUEST from each academy), a file will be established and maintained in your name.
You may add information, letters of recommendation, transcripts, ACT and SAT scores, etc. at any time BEFORE October 1, 2014. Keep in touch with my office!	You may add information to your file at an academy, as instructed by each academy. BE AWARE OF DEADLINES ! Keep in touch with academies!